

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows with additions shown in underline and deletions shown as strikeouts.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (NEW) A method for storing a broadcast channel of interest in a consumer electronics appliance, which can be switched over between different channels, comprising the steps of:

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determining that a reception duration of a currently received channel has exceeded a predetermined time interval;

memorizing said currently received channel as said channel of interest, when said reception duration of said currently received channel exceeds said predetermined time interval, said channel of interest being adapted to be recalled by a dedicated command;

identifying switching between said different channels; and

changing over to said channel of interest upon activation of said dedicated command.

22. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the determining step comprises the step of determining said reception duration of the currently received channel only until said reception duration exceeds said predetermined time interval.

23. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of setting said predetermined time interval.

24. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said changing over step is initiated by operating a control element.

25. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of storing a picture relating to said channel of interest as video information in a frame memory.

26. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of erasing said channel of interest after a program on said channel of interest has ended.

27. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the changing over step comprises the step of displaying said channel of interest using a picture in picture feature.

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28. (NEW) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the memorizing step comprises the steps of:

memorizing a plurality of channels of interest that exceed said predetermined time interval; and

further comprising the steps of:

displaying said plurality of channels of interest in mosaic form on a screen; and

selecting a respective one of said displayed plurality of channels of interest.

29. (NEW) A method for storing a channel of interest for a television set, which can be switched over between different program channels, comprising the steps of:

setting a predetermined time interval;

determining that a reception duration of a currently received channel has exceeded said predetermined time interval;

memorizing said currently received channel as said channel of interest, when said reception duration of said currently received channel exceeds said predetermined time interval, said channel of interest being adapted to be recalled by a dedicated command; identifying switching between said different program channels; and changing over directly to said channel of interest upon activation of said dedicated command.

30. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the determining step comprises the step of determining said reception duration of the currently received channel only until said reception duration exceeds the predetermined time interval.

31. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein said setting step comprises the step of setting said predetermined time interval.

32. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein said changing over step is initiated by operating a control element.

33. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising the step of storing a picture relating to said channel of interest as video information in a frame memory.

34. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising the step of erasing said channel of interest after a program on said channel of interest has ended.

35. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the changing over step comprises the step of displaying said channel of interest using a picture in picture feature.

36. (NEW) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the memorizing step comprises the step of:

memorizing a plurality of channels of interest that exceed said predetermined time interval; and

further comprising the step of:

displaying said plurality of channels of interest in mosaic form on a screen; and

selecting a respective one of said displayed plurality of channels of interest.

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